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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/055,386

Applicant(s)

BOYLE ET AL.

Examiner

Shih-Chao Chen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on November 17, 2003 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/055,386 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sekine et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,822).

Regarding claim 1, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B a wireless terminal comprising a ground conductor [102] and a plurality of antenna feeds [103, 103'], wherein each antenna feed [103, 103'] is coupled directly to the ground conductor [102], and wherein each side of the ground conductor [102] has a surface area greater than the surface area of each of the plurality of antenna feeds [103, 103'], and wherein the ground conductor [102] has at least one uni-directional slot [101] parallel to the major axis of the terminal.

Regarding claim 2, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B the terminal characterized in that each antenna feed [103, 103'] is coupled to the ground conductor [102] via a capacitor (See FIG. 68B).

Regarding claim 3, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B the terminal characterized in that the capacitor is a parallel plate capacitor formed by a conducting plate [103, 103'] and a portion of the ground conductor [102].

Regarding claim 4, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B the terminal characterized in that the at least one uni-directional slot [101] (See FIG. 25) provides a tuning fork configuration having at least three tines at at least one end of the ground conductor [102] (See FIG. 25).

Regarding claim 5, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B the terminal characterized in that a first of the at least one uni-directional slot [101] is parallel to a second of the at least one uni-directional slot [101] (See FIG. 25-26).

Regarding claim 6, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-B the terminal characterized in that the ground conductor [102] is a handset case.

Regarding claim 8, Sekine et al. teaches in figures 25-26 and 68 A-BB the terminal characterized in that a matching network (i.e. $50\ \Omega$) is provides for each antenna feed [103, 103'].

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-Chao Chen whose telephone number is (703) 306-2721. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 4:30 PM, First Fri. off.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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